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SUBJECT: U.S.-USSR OCEAN COOPERATION: POLYMODE

SIMMONS/LOEBNER TELECON OF AUGUST 8

1. EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AT HOME EVENING OF AUGUST 8, 1976, FROM WILLIAM SIMMONS CONCERNING TRAVEL TO USSR OF ROBERT MILLARD OF WOODS HOLE UNDER POLYMODE PROJECT.

2. SIMMONS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY FOLLOW UP ON TELEX MESSAGES AND CABLES SIMMONS HAD SENT TO ACADEMY VICE-PRESIDENT SIDORENKO, METAL'-NIKOV OF SCST AND OTHER OCEANOGRAPHY OFFICIALS, IN WHICH SIMMONS REPORTEDLY REQUESTED (A) ISSUANCE OF SOVIET VISA FOR MILLARD VISIT TO COVER HIS STAY IN USSR, (B) THAT MILLARD BE MET BY SOVIETS ON ARRIVAL AND TAKEN BY THEM TO YALTA SO THAT HE MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN AUG 17-21 YALTA-ODESSA-YALTA POLYMODE CRUISE IN ORDER TO (C) INSPECT SOVIET VESSEL FOR LATER POLYMODE CRUISE, AND (D) VERIFY ITS ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLIES.

3. IN ORDER TO PURSUE QUESTION WITH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND WITH STATE COMMITTEE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FURTHER DETAILS ON PROJECTED MILLARD VISIT. IN PARTICULAR, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED (A) IF MILLARD VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE UNDER AUSPICES BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, (B) THE ARRANGEMENTS SOVIETS HAVE ALREADY AGREED UPON FOR

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MILLARD VISIT, (C) THE SOVIET OFFICIAL OR ORGANIZATION

COORDINATING VISIT, AND (D) THE SPECIFIC REQUESTS OR QUESTIONS
FOR WHICH SPECIFIC REPLIES ARE SOUGHT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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